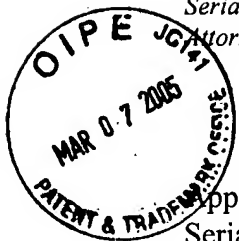


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In response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2005 in accordance with *Ex Parte Quayle*, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** containing amended drawings is attached following page 9 of this paper.